THE REPORT WITH OPINIONS

OF THE

FREE READING ROOM

OPENED UNDER THE AUSPICES

OF

Shri Guru Shri Chandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha

IN THE

Hardwar Kumbh Mela.

MAHANT PURNADAS

Huseni Alam,

HYDERABAD DECCAN

1938.

Shree 1108 Shree Udasin Acharya Balyati,
Shree Chandra ji Maharaj

श्री ११०८ श्री उदासीनाचार्य बालयति श्री चन्द्र जी महाराज

FOREWORD

This Sabha first of all humbly bow to the memory of the late Jagat Guru Shri Chandra Dev, a protagonist of the Udasin Sampraday, through whose grace the propaganda work and the Reading Room came to a successful termination. His followers are not found only in India, but monasteries set up by him still exist even beyond her limits just as in Kabul, Kandhar etc. The monks and mendicants attached to these monasteries are even today sincerely prepared to make sacrifices in the cause of the Sanatan Dharm and Indian culture. It was after the name of this Superhuman soul that this Sabha (association) was given birth to in 1921 at the holy Tirth of Sadhubela Sukkar, Sind with its cardinal aim of all sided human service. It has since been

serving the public with such reading rooms as the one under review at all events of Hardwar and Prayag Kumbhs and Ardh Kumbhs.

The President of the Sabha is His Holiness Shri Mahant Swami Harnam Das ji of Sadhvbela Sukkar Sindh. His Services are well known to the whole of India. To say any thing more in his introduction here is as futile as to point out the sun with a torch.

Its Vice-President is His Holiness Shri Mahant Lakshman Das ji Sajjade Nashin of Dehra Dun, who is renownend far and wide for his munificence, religious sentimentality and humanitarian services. We pray to Almighty for his happy long life, so that he might be able to serve the Sadhus and the rest of mankind for ages to come. The Sanatan Dharm Updeshahak, Shri Suteekshan Muni ji is the Secrtary of the Sabha It is too inadequate to whatever extent he may be praised for his spirit of love and service.

The Sabha offers its best thanks to the following Saints and wish them a bright career of national service.

1. Shri 108 Mahant Jamnna Das ji Shree Panch of the Panch Parmeshwar Udasin Bara Akhara, who so kindly helped the Reading Room with his good counsels and also supplied ration for its office bearers.

2. Shri Mahant Adram ji, Mahant Prem Das ji and Mahant Hardeva Nand ji, for their occasional inspections of the instutition.

3. Shri Baba Dharmdas ji, who remained personally interested throughout in the affairs of the work.

4. Shri Mahant Shyam Das ji Panch-Parmeshwar Naya Akhara for his good wishes.

5. Shri Mahant Sant Ram ji Sangalwala Akhara Amritsar for his liberal contributions.

6. Shri Mahant Bachan Das ji Chaubacha Sahba, Lahore.

7. Shri Swami Darshana Nand ji Vedant

Keshari, founder of the Shrichandra Mahavidyalaya, Kashi.

8. Swami Santosha Nand ji who helped in the erection of the Pandal and arranged for preachings and lectures.

9. Shri Swami Chaitanya Dev ji Bhimgoda who heartly cooperated with the workers of the Sabha.

10. Shri Master Keshava Chandra ji, Secretary of the Durbar Guru Ram Rai Saheb, who so kindly fulfilled the wants of the Reading Room and helped in the decoration of the Pandal.

The Sabha further extends its thanks to the under named Pandits, who so kindly served the audience of the Pandal with their sermons and lectures from time to time.

1. Shri Mandaleshwra Pandit Gangeshwara Nand ji Udasin Ved-Darshanacharya.

2. Shri Navya-Prachin Nyayacharya

Late Kothari Baba Haridas ji.

स्वर्गीय श्री कोठारी बाबा हरिदास जी।

Paribrajkacharya Sri Swami Harnam Das ji.
Sadhubela Tirth Sukkar Sind.

परिव्राजकाचार्य श्री महन्त श्री स्वामी हरनामदास जी,
साधु-बेला तीर्थ सक्खर सिंध।

Udasin, Parambansavatans, Mandleshwar Ratandas ji.

3. Pandit Gauri Shankar ji Vyakhyan Vachaspati, Katha-Bhaskar.
4. Shri Swami Pandit Ishwara Nand ji.
5. Swami Pandit Jeevan Mukt ji.

For the achievements of the Sabha the credit goes to the Sants and Mahants of the Udasin Samaj who for the public benefit helped the Sabha heart and soul and with money as well on this holy occasion; and occasionally encouraged the office-bearers of the Sabha. The Sabha therefore pay homage to these high personages and wish them long life.

Thanks are also due to the following persons and the institutions for their timely helps :—

1. Shri Darshan Ratan ji.
2. P. Sharva Nand ji Mandleshwar.
3. Kothari Baba Govind Das ji Sadhbela Camp.

4. Shriman Dayal ji I/c Shrant Muni Nivas.
5. Natavar ji.
6. Shri Mukami Baba Vishandas ji.
7. Shri Kothari Baba Gopaldas ji Akhara Hardwar.
8. Mukami Santram ji Hon. Magistrate.
9. Shri Lakshman Ayurvedic Rasayan Shala.
10. Ramkrishna Mission.
11. Nizam Sadar Dawakhana.
12. Sarb Dukh Nivaran Dawakhana.
13. Mahant Baba Sukh Ram Das ji, Bangalore.

The above mentioned dispensaries administered relief free of charge to thousands of patients during the Kumbh. Swami Santosha Nand ji's work is highly commendable in this direction also.

Moreover the sabha owes a deep debt of gratitude to the following officials for their timely helps and sympathies :—

1. Mr. K. M Malcolm I C.S. Mela-Officer.
2. Mr. Hunt, Supdt. Police I/c. Mela Police.
3. Rai Sahib Mohan Lal Bhargav
   Executive Officer, Hardwar.
4. Deputy Post Master Lucknow, as Post Master on Kumbh Hardwar.
5. Chaudhri Narayan Singh S. O Kumbh Mela Kotwali Hardwar.
6. Pandit Bholanath Pant, Ex-deputy Collector Tehri-Garhwal.
7. Rai Bahadur K. P. Mathur, D. P. H. (London) etc.
   Asstt. Director of Public Health U.P.
8. Babu Indra Singh Prop. the United Motor Transport Coy. Dehra Dun.
9. Messrs Devi Das Bhagwan Das who supplied waterto the pilgrims during the Kumbh

Baba Purandas

of Udasin Ashram Hyderabad (Deccan)

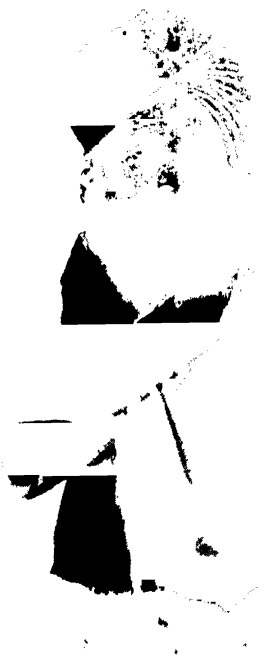
In-charge Kumbh Mela Reading Room.

MY TWO WORDS.

—o—

I had had the pleasure of visiting the Shri Chandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha Reading Room and of reading news paper comments and visitor's remarks about it. I have a great regard for the Udasin achievements.

Apart from spiritual and scientific wonders worked individually, the collective activities of our Sadhus have heretofore remained more or less confined to the making of Dharmshalas and temples, starting of Sadavarts and Pyaos and giving of Bhandaras (sumptuous feasts) etc. But now the installation of libraries, reading rooms and Pandals by our Udasin Sadhu Samaj on occasions like Kumbh is a novelty, which takes the Sadhus a step beyond their primitive orbit, and which brings high honour not only to the Udasins but to all the Sadhus in the hearts of those who make no distinction among them.



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His Holiness Shree Mahant Lakshman Das ji
Maharaj, Darbar Shree Guru Ram Rai Sahib,
Dehra Dun.

श्री १००८ श्री सनातन धर्म स्तम्भ दानवीर
हिज़ होलिनैस श्री महन्त लक्ष्मणदास जी महाराज
दरबार श्री गुरु रामराय साहिब देहरादून।

Amidst so many charities, where Sadhus and almsmen were being fed so lavishly how pleasant it was to see our intelligentia entertained with intellectual dishes by our Udasin Sadhus. It was of course an unique gift acceptable to all rich and poor alike irrespective of their religious scruples.

In this conncetion it would not perhaps be out of place to say that my individual impression based on an eye witnessed story of an Udasin Sadhu, Ramdas ji is that the Udasins are most selflessly serviceable characters sincerely devoted to the teachings of their Great Guru Shrichandra Dev. Touched by the sight of a few cattle and a man getting drowned in the Ganges while fording it at Nagun on the way to Gangotri, this Sadhu Ramdas ji at the age of 90 quite destitute and helpless as he was eventually succeeded in getting a Pakka suspension bridge constructed over there by virtue of his long persistent Hercules' choice. He died soon after the bridge was declared open;

but the bridge is there to ever commemorate the glory of our Sadhus

Inculcating the spirit of charity and social service and imparting the knowledge of world affairs by means of a stock of good books, numerous periodicals and preachings; and above all providing shelter to the fatigued pilgrims under the thatched pavilion, the Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha Free Reading Room with its Pandal at Hardwar on this holy occasion of the Kumbh of 1938 has won for its founders universal affection worth emulating.

I was delighted all the more when I learnt that the chief spirits at the bottom of all this were their world renowned Holinenes Shri Swami Harnamdas ji Maharaj of Sadhbela Sukkar(sind) and Shri Mahant Lakshmandasji Maharaj Sajjade Nashin of Dehra Dun; and distinguished among the apostles of the cause was Baba Purandas ji Udasin of Hyderabad (Deccan).

May the Lord give our Udasin Mahatmas strength and wisdom to play the role of our ancient Rishis for the all sided uplift of our mother land-India.

With respectful Pranams to all Saints.

BHOLANATH PANT
Ex-Dy. Collector & Zamindar,
DEHRA DUN.

Shreeman Karam Vir Bhesh Rattan
Mahant Shree Baba Puran Dasji Udasin Ashram,
Hydrabad (Deccan)

श्रीमान कर्मवीर भेषरत्न महन्त श्री बाबा पूर्णदास जी
उदासीनाश्रम हैदराबाद (दक्षिण)

A FEW IMPORTANT OPINIONS

ON

"Free Reading Room"

AT

Hardwar Kumbha Mela

Hindi Milap Lahore, 9-2-1938

(*English translation.*)

There appears the camp of the Udasin Mandal in the garden of B. Nihalchand. Mahant Purandas ji is getting the camp erected. A very big Reading Room is being set up, wherein the piligims will get news papers of all the parts of the world. 400 pilgrims will be able to read the papers at a time. Mahant Harinam Das ji of Sukkar

(Sindh) is the chief of this Mandal and His Holiness Mahant Lakshmandas ji of Dehra Dun, Vice President They have also built a vast Pandal, which will be allowed free to the Sanatan Dharam Institutions.

Milap Urdu Lahore, 9-2-1938
(*English translation.*)

The Hon'ble Mrs. Vijaya Lakshami Pandit Minister for Local Self Govt. U.P. accompanied by the Commissioner, Meerut Division and Mr. Malcolm, officer in charge Kumbh Mela inspected the Shrichandra Updeshak Sabha. They were much pleased to see the Free Reading Room of the Sabha. Then they visited the Sadhubela Kshetra and the hermitage of Swami Kamaldas.

Hindi-Milap, Lahore 10-2-1938
(Same as above in Urdu Milap)

Arjun Delhi 9-2-1938

English translation.

Hardwar Feb. 7.— The Hon'ble Shrimati Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, Minister of Local Self Govt. U. P. accompanied by the Commissioner of Meerut Division and Mr, Malcolm officer in charge of Kumbh Mela paid a visit to this and inspected Shrichandra Updeshak Sabha, Sadhubela Kshetra, Gangeshwaranand Kshetra and Swami Kamaldas Kshetra.

Hindi Milap Lahore.

(*Enqlish translation.*)

Hardwar Feby. 16—It has been arranged that a Free Reading Room will be opened at Hardwar on the occasion of Kumbh in behalf of Shri Guru Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha. For the Reading Room a well decorated Pandal has been built under the auspices of Mahant Baba Purandas ji Maharaj of Hyderabad (Deccan.) This Reading Room will store as many copies as possible of all the newspapers of different languages of

India. Besides the Indian papers, new papers from England, France, Germany and America will also be available. Arrangements have been made for getting the foreign papers by Air mail. 500 readers will be seated at a time on the Pandal of the Reading Room, which will remain open day and night. This will be declared open on 25-2-1938 at 2 p. m.

Hindu Saptahik, Hardwar, 16-2 1938
(*English translation.*

A splendid library together with a Reading Room is being founded by Shri Guru Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha in front of Bhimgoda. The President of the Library is Shri 108 Mahant Harinamdas ji Gaddi Nashin Sadhubela Tirth Sukkar and Vice President Shri 108 Mahant Lakshmandas ji Maharaj of Dehra Dun The opening ceremony of that Library will be performed by His Holiness Mahant Lakshmandas Sahib on 18-2-1938.

Shree 108 Shreeman Mahant Baba Sukhram Das ji Maharaj,
Udasin Mat Kalpalli Bangalore Cantt.

श्री १०८ श्रीमान् महन्त बाबा सुखरामदास जी महाराज
उदाशीन मठ गौशाला कलपल्ली बैंगलोर कैंट

Nava Yug, Delhi 21-2-1938

(*English translation.*)

The Shri Guru Shrichandra Updeshak Sabha has arranged to start a free Reading Room at Hardwar for Kumbh. For this a spacious and well decorated Pandal has been built near Bhimgoda under the management of Mahant Baba Purandas ji of Hyderabad (Deccan).This Reading Room will store news papers of all the languages of India in their sufficient number of copies. Papers from England, France, Germany and America will also be available Foreign papers will be sent for by Air Mail. The Pandal is so arranged as to accommodate 100 readers at a time. Every thing is done for their comforts. This Reading Room will remain open day & night

This is a phenominal work on the occasion of Hardwar Kumbh. On 6th February last while inspecting the preparations of the Reading Room, the Hon'ble Mrs Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit Minister for Local Self Govt. U. P. appreciated the aims of the Reading Room, expressed her good wishes

for its Success and offerred thanks to Shri Mahant Purandas ji and his assistant Swami Santoshanand for their good management.

Outlook New Delhi 23-2 38

Kumbh Mela Hardwar.

. Shri Jagat Guru Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha has arranged to open a free reading room on the occasion of Kumbh Mela at Hardwar. A grand and well decorated Pandal has been built under the supervision of Mahant Baba Purandas ji of Hyderabad (Deccan), for the reading room at Bhimgoda, Hardwar. The arrangement of seats for the readers have been made in a grand scale. Five hundred people can read at one time and eleborate management or comforts of the readers have also been made on the modern system. The reading room will remain open for the readers for day and night.

In the reading room sufficient copies of the Indian news papers of every language as daily, weekly and monthly will be provided.

Besides these the foreign news papers as from England, France, Germany and America have also been ordered by the Air mail.

On the 6th Feby. last after the inspection of the preparations of management for the proposed reading room, the Hon'ble Mrs. Vijaya Lakshami Pandit Minister for Local Self Govt. U. P. appreciating the aims of the work which has been done for the benifit of the general public expressed her good wishes for its success and offered thanks to Mahant Baba Purandas and his assistant Swami Santoshanand work in-charge.

The opening ceremony of the reading room will be performed on the 25th Feby at 2 p.m. by His Holiness Mahant Lakshmandas ji Durbar Shri Guru Ram Rai Sahib, Dehra Dun Besides the local general public all the respectable gentlemen are invited to attend the function and it is anticipated that many prominent citizens, officials and non-officials, of neighbouring towns will also be present in the function.

Dainik Partap, Cawnpore 23-2-38

Shri Guru Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha has arranged to open a free reading room at Hardwar on the occasion of the Kumbh. For the Reading Room at Bhimgoda a very big Pandal has been erected under the supervision of Mahant Baba Purandas ji Maharaj of Hyderabad (Deccan). The Reading Room maintains as many copies as possible of all the news papers daily, weekly and monthly of different languages of India. There is an arrangement of seating 500 readers at a time. Every thing is complete for their comforts. This will remain open day and night. It is no doubt a strange thing on this occasion of Hardwar Kumbh. On the 6th Feby. last, when inspecting the management of the Reading Room, the Hon'ble Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit Minister for Local Self Govt. U. P. appreciating the aims of the Reading Room expressed her good wishes for its success and offered thanks to Mahant Shri Baba

Shreeman Master Keshev Chandra ji Udasin,
Manager Shree Darbar Guru Ram Rai Sahib
Dehra Dun.

श्रीमान मास्टर केशवचन्द्र जी उदासीन
मैनेजर श्री दर्बार गुरु रामराय साहिब देहरादून

Purandas ji and his assistant Swami Santoshanand for its excellent management.

Hindustan Hindi 24-2-1938

(*English translation.*)

Hardwar Feby. 23.

A huge pandal is being erected near Bhimgoda, in behalf of the Shrichandra Udasin Upadeshak Sabha. On the fore front there will be a well decorated, furnished and spacious Reading Room. The Reading Room has come to its existence since February 1, but it will be declared open on 25-2-1938 by His Holiness Lakshman Das Sahib of Dehra Dun.

Dainik Bharat Hindi 25-2-1938

(*English translation.*)

The Guru Shrichandra Udasin Upadeshak Sabha has arranged to open a Free Reading Room at Hardwar on the occasion of the Kumbh. For this at Bhimgoda a very big

Pandal has been erected under the supervision of Mahant Baba Purandas ji Maharaj of Hyderabad (Deccan). The Reading Room maintains as many as possible copies of all the news papers daily, weekly and monthly of different languages of India. There is an arrangement for seating 500 readers at a time Every thing is done for their comforts. This will remain open day and night. It is, no doubt, a strange thing on this occasion of Hardwar Kumbh. On 6th Feby. last when inspecting the Management of the Reading Room, the Hon'ble Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, Minister Local Self Govt. U. P. appreciating the aims and objects of the Reading Room expressed her good wishes for its success and thanked the Mahant Baba Puran Das ji and his assistant Swami Santoshanand for its excellent management.

Lokmanya 25-2-1938

(*English translation.*)

Swami Harinam Das ji of Sukkar (Sindh) has started an Ana Kshetra (free food supply

depot) since the Maghi Purnima (full moon day) for the piligrims, Sadhus, Mahatmas etc who are expected at the ensuing Kumbh; which will continue till the last bath of the holy Kumbh. He has alse got a big Reading Room established in his camping ground, which provides for news papers, dalies, weeklies, monthlies of different languages. Pyaos (supply of drinking water) and two charitable dispensaries are also maintained for the comfort and service of the pilgrims.

Pratap Hindi Dainik 27-2-1938

(*English translation.*)

KUMBH NEWS.

A splendid grand pandal is being constructed near Bhimgoda by the workes of Shri Jagad Guru Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha. Mahant Shri Purandas ji Maharaj of Udasin Ashram Hyderabad Deccan is very ably carrying out the management of this pandal. There his in front of this a spacious Reading Room. The Reading Room was set

up on February 1, but its opening ceremony will take place today on February 25, with the hands of His Hshness Mahant Shri Lakshman Das ji of Dehra Dun. The Pandal on the back of this will be used for holding meetings of several conferences such as Vaidya Sammelcn, Brahman Sammelan, Hindi Sammelan, Gaoraksha Sammelan Sadhu Sammelan and others.

English translation of the letter dated 26 2-1938 from Pt. Shivchandra Raj Vaidya Ayurvaid PracharakCompany Hardwar.to the Manager Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha.

The dignity and grandeour with which the opening ceremony of the Shirchandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha Reading Room and Pandal was celebrated on 25th Feby 1938 was indeed worth seeing. The creation of such a reading room for this auspicous occasion of Kumbh is of course worth imitating by other Sadhu institutions.

Shreeman Sampardai Sevak Pt. Swami Santosha Nand ji
Propritor Shree Lakshman Ayurvedic Rasayn Shala,
Dehra Dun.

श्रीमान सम्प्रदाय सेवक पण्डित स्वामी सन्तोषानन्द जी
प्रोप्राइटर श्री लक्ष्मणायुर्वैदिक रसायन शाला देहरादून

Purandas ji's management in this direction is most creditable.

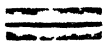
Hindi Milap, 27-2-1938

(*english translation.*)

Dehra Dun, Feby. 23rd.

Just opposite to Bhimgoda an imposing Pandal is being erected by the Shri Jagadguru Shrichandra Udasin Upadeshak Sabha. On the back side of it several conferences will be held. Kathas and Upadesh will be recited and speeches will be given, It will be fitted with a loud speaker.

On this very Pandal highly beneficial conferences like Vaidya Sammelan, Hindi Sammelan, Brahman Sammelan, Gaoraksha Sammelan, Sadhu Sammelan etc will be held.



Shraddhanand, Delhi, Monthly, March 1938

(*english translation.*)

On the banks of the Ganges by the main road side at Bhimgoda Hardwar the Shri Guru Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha has opened a very big free Reading Room for the Kumbh pilgrims. Besides this two charitable dispensaries have also been started for the benifit of the piligrims. All these benevolent works are being carried out by the aforesaid Sabha under the management of Shri Mahatma Purandas ji.

Hindu, Delhi

(*english translation.*)

At Hardwar a free Reading Room and Pandal have been built by the Shri Guru Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha. This Reading Room has been started under the supervision of Shri 108 Swami Purandas ji Udasin by the aforesaid Sabha. There are also two charitable dispensaries under his

charge. These will treat the pilgrims free on Kumbh occasion.

Hindu Hardwar 1st March 1938

(*english translation.*)

In the garden of L. Nihalchand at Bhimgoda, a gigantic Reading Room and vast Pandal for Dharmprachar are being made up by the Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha. This Sabha has ever been serving the Hindu public and propagating the Vaidik Dharm with full zeal on occasions like Kumbh, Ardh Kumbh and other auspecious times. In the Reading Room news papers of every kind in hundreds are available. The leading papers and leaders of India highly appreciated this work. We congratulate Shri Swami Hernamdas of Sadhu Bela (President), His Holiness Mahant Lakshmandas ji of Dehra Dun, Vice President, and Shri 108 Mahant Purandas ji Seretary of the Sabha, for their highly commendable enterprise.

Hindu Weekly, Hardwar 1-3-1938

(english translation.)

A grand Library with Reading Room has been started at Bhimgoda by Shri Guru Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha. It provides for foreign papers in addition to all the Indian news papers. On 25-2-38 His Holiness Mahant Lakshmandas ji Maharaj declared it open.

Hindu Weekly Hardwar 1-3-1938

(english translation.)

In behalf of Shri Guru Shrichandra Udasin Upadeshak Sabha a big Library and Reading Room has been opened just opposite Bhimgoda. This keeps in all some foreign papers in addition to all the papers of India. On 25-2-38 His Holiness Shri Mahant Lakshmandas Sahib of Dehradun declared it open. On this occasion all the eminent persons of the town were present in a big number. The audience was welcomed with Prasad. The

Shree 108 Shreeman Mahant Bachan Das Ji, Chaubachha Guru Ram Rai Sahib, Mugalpura, Lahore.

श्री १०८ श्रीमान् महन्त बचन दासजी चौबच्चा गुरु रामराय साहिब मुगलपुरा लाहौर।

public highly appreciates and compliments Shri 108 Mahant Harnamdas ji President, His Holiness Mahant Lakshmandas ji Vice President, and Shri 108 Mahant Baba Puran Das ji Secretary of the Sabha, for their gigantic and philanthropic work like this.

Hindi Milap 2-3-1938

(*english translation.*)

Hardwar, Feb. 26-In honor of the Kumbh Mela the Udasi Sadhus have opened a free Reading Room near Bhimgoda. His Holiness Mahant Shri Lakshmandas Sajjade Nashin of Dehra Dun declared the Reading Room open. Many respectable gentlemen and Sadhu, Saints were present.

Vir Arjun, 4-3-1938

(*english translation.*)

Guru Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha has started a big Reading Room close

to the Bhimgoda Station on a vast ground, where more than 250 foreign and Indian news papers will be available. For the readers more than one thousand chairs have been provided for. Adequate supply of light has also been arranged. Attached to Reading Room a largely spacious Pandal has been built for hundreds of rupees. On this leaders of every sect and creed of Hindus will preach their Dharm. Besides this a free dispensary has also been opened. All this is being done under the management of Mahatma Purandas ji and His Holiness Mahant Lakshmandas ji.

Anandbazar Patrika 4-3-1938,

(*english translation.*)

The Shri Guru Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha has founded a free Reading Room and Vast Pandal at Bhimgoda for the use of the Kumbh pilgrims; where english, Hindi, Bengali and papers of other languages, weeklies and dailies are available. The opening ceremony was performed on 25-2-38

by His Holiness Mahant Lakshmandas Sahib of Dehra Dun. It's organisor is Shri Mahant Purandas ji Maharaj.

(*English translation*)

Copy of letter of Kaviraj Bhagwant Rai Jain Vaid Desh Rakshak Aushadhalaya, Malerkotla State 7-3-1938.

DEAR REVEREND SECRETARY,

Fortunately I had had the opportunity of visiting your Shri Guru Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha Reading Room and Pandal yesterday. I am very glad what appropriate and time serving works you have been doing.

Hindi Milap Lahore 8-3-1938

(*english translation.*)

The Reading Room established by the Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha is becoming a thing most interesting to the literate public.

Copy of letter No. D/4-23 of 11th March 1938
From the Dy. Supdt. of Police I/c Dangal Hardwar to His Holiness Mahant Lakshmandas ji Dehra Dun,

It has given us great pleasure to know that the Shri Guru Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha has installed a free Reading Room and Pandal for the public. We are going to hold a police Dangal in aid of the benevolent fund the aim of which is to ameliorate the conditions of the poor widows and orphans of the members of the police force.

We shall be grateful if you kindly arrange to let us have the use of the Pandal for April 3, 5, 7 and 9, 1938. With thanks.

Hindustan 11-3-1938

(*english translation.*)

Shri Mahant Purandas ji Secretary of the Udasin Updeshak Sabha and organisor of the Bhimgoda Free Reading Room also attended the meeting, inspite of his so many,

Late Shree 108 Shree Mahant Gokul Das ji,
Shree Udasin Panchayati Bara Akhara

स्वर्गीय श्री १०८ श्री महन्त गोकुलदास जी
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Unity in Sadhu Samaj.

By the grace of God, learned Mahants, Sants and others of all classes of Sadhu Samajs have assembled on this auspicious occasion of Kumbh at this holy place of Hardwar. We wish that taking full advantage of this opportunity the Sadhu Samaj should have been well organised and misunderstandings that crept in should go away for ever. Last time on the occasion of the opening ceremony of the Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha Reading Room, when on one side His Holiness Mahant Lakshmandas Maharaj with other Udasin Sadhus was present and on the other side Shri 108 Mahant Shantanand ji together with other Sanyasi Sadhus was sitting, it displayed a peculiar sight. We wish and pray "May Almighty bless us always with such success and Sadhu Samaj be soon organised.

Dainik Vasumati, Calcutta 12-3-1938,

(*english translation from Begali.*)

A gorgeous library founded by the Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha at Bhimgoda, Hardwar for the use of the Kumbh Mela piligrims was declared open. This library maintains all the news papers of India and abroad. Attached to this is a big handsome Pandal, where great Saints preach their sermons.

Thanks are due to Shri Mahant Purandas ji of Hyderabad (Deccan) and other Saints for this benevolent undertaking. No better service can be done to the mankind than this.

Hitkari, Lucknow (*Urdu*) 16-3-1938

(*enqlish translation,*)

By starting libraries and Reading Rooms at holy places on occasions of public gatherings the Shri Guru Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak

Sabha has furnished the general public with the sources of religious and cultural knowledge. Numerous news papers are provided for the use of the people, and nothing is accepted in aid of this charitable work from other than Udasin Sadhus. It was generally presumed that the Udasin Akharas pertains simply to devotional works, but from their maintaining such libraries which contain thousands of news papers dailies, weeklies in English, Hindi Urdu, Gujarati, Bengali etc., languages, It is evident that the Udasins worked a lot in the past for the cause of Sanatan Dharm and the Udasin Sabha is now running a free Reading Room and library in a grand scale for the occasion of Hardwar Kumbh. Mahant Purandas ji Udasin is being highly applauded from all sides for his excellent management.

Hindi Milap 18-3-1938

(*english translation.*)

There is also a Reading Room under the

supervision of the Mahant Sahib of Sadhu Bela. This Pandal is so beautifully made that it delights one to see it. The fatigue of a visitor tired of distance journey subsides soon after he sits under the cooling shade of its roofing. This Reading Room is a tangeble proof of the munificence and love of learning of both their Holinesses the Mahants of Sadhubela and Dehra Dun.

Statesman, Delhi 19-3-1938

+ But perhaps one of the most useful places at the mela is the free Reading Room and Pandal of the Udasis, which contains 300 news papers and magazines in differrent languages. It is managed by Baba Purandas Udasi of Hyderabad (Deccan) with the help of the funds subscribed by the Udasins themselves. The Pandal will be the meeting place of most of the important conferences, which are to be held here during the Kumbh.

Shree 108 Shree Mahant Yamuna Das Ji Maharaj
Shree Udasin Panchayati Bara Akhara

श्री १०८ श्री महन्त यमुनादास जी महाराज,
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Rishi Sandesh, Chaitra

(*english translation from Bengali.*)

Just go a bit towards north and have a glimps of Shri Mahant Purandas ji Udasin. Getting at this spot, if you feel the necessity of recess and recreation do seek your entry into the Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha Reading Room standing near at hand. + + + + +

Hindustan Times, Delhi 23-3-1938

MEERUT, MARCH 21.

The Secretary of the All India Vaidya Seva Samiti Meerut, informs that a Vaid Conference will be held at Hardwar at Shrichandra Free Library on April 5, 6 and 7 during the Kumbh Mela week.

Leader, Allahabad 23-3-1938

A most attractive place at Bhimgoda is

the Shri Guru Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha Free Reading Room and Pandal of which Shri Mahant of Sadhubelá Sukkar (Sindh) is the President and His Holiness Mahant Lakshmandas is the Vice President and which is managed by Baba Purandas ji Udasi of Hyderabad (Deccan). The Reading Room has 300 news papers and magazines in differrent languages and remains open from morning till evening. The Pandal is a spacious one and it will be in this Pandal that most of the conferences and important functions will be held during the Kumbh. It has a separate Reading Room for ladies and four dispensaries. It is a purely Udasins organisation financed and mauaged by them. It accepts donations from the Udasins only.

Milap (*Urdu*) 24-3-1938

(*english translation.*)

A very big library has been established on bahalf of the Udasins at Bhimgoda. It has news papers in every language. Even

London papers can be had here for Reading. Baba Purandas ji is in charge of this office. He is very particular about the comforts of the readers. The hall has more than 500 chairs to sit on. A separate Reading Room is made for ladies. Previous days papers are put in file every moring and they are replaced by new ones, so that no body could complain.

Saptahik Hindu Hardwar 24-3-1938

(*english translation.*)

On the 25th February last when declaring the Shri Guru Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha Free Reading Room open, His Holiness Mahant Lakshmandas ji Maharaj spoke as follows :—

Ever since the creation of this world knowledge has been the only source of the evolution of human civilization. Like the ancient Rishis, Sadhus of modern India have it their sacred duty to propagate knowledge (Gyan) for the benefit of all living beings.

It is simply to respond the call of duty in accordance with on traditions and doctrins of Shri Guru Shrichandra, the founder of the Udasin Sampraday that the project of building up this grand free Reading Room was contemplated for the cause of enlightenment. When I think of the out-come of this colossal enterprise, my heart is of course filled with excessive joy. Considering the prospects of this I can confidently say that the Udasin Sadhus have laid this as a foundation stone for the evolution of human civilization.

Gentlemen ! at this unprecedented event my appreciation and thanks are due to him together with his assistants—I mean that Baba Purandas ji of brilliant personality wrapped in black Kambal—who got this magestic mandap erected by his untiring energies surmounting all the difficulties and handicaps that lay in his path. Further in behalf of the Udasin Sabha and myself I thank you all the gentlemen, who graced

this function even at the sacrifice of their other important engagements.

Vir Bharat (*Urdu*) *Lahore* 26-3-1938

(*english translation.*)

The Shri Jagat Guru Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha Free Reading Room remains at all times crowded far more than any other Reading Rooms, since it is the most renowned Reading Room at Hardwar.

Tej (*Urdu*) 26-3-1938

(*english translation.*)

Because on this occasion educated public is also expected, the Shri Guru Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha has opened a splendid Reading Room near Bhimgoda station on a spacious field.

National Call 24-3-1938

Punjab Mahavir Dal Camp opened at Bhimgoda.

HARDWAR 28-3-1938

In the afternoon Baba Purandas ji of Hyderabad (Deccan) performed the flag hoisting ceremony at the Camp after which the opening ceremony commenced.

Statesman 28-3-1938

Baba Purandas of Hyderabad (Deccan) hoisted the flag of the Mahavir Dal Camp and wished success to its organisors in rendering help to the piligrims.

Tej Daily, Delhi 29-3-1938

(english translation.)

The Hardwar Kumbh Mela appears growing up in lusture day by day. Here and there are the encampments of the Sadhus.

Most of them seem to belong to the Udasi Sadhus. Of all the camps, management of that of the Sadhubela (Sukkar, Sind) is the best. This camp is in front of the hermit of Swami Kamaldas. Sadhus and saints are being feasted almost every day at the camps of Sadhubela and Swami Kamaldas ji. The other day there was a Bhandara or grand feast at the hermit of Swami Kamaldas ji, when thousands of Sadhus were served with Laddu, Halwa, Puris and Kachauris. Yesterday, Sadhbela camp had a still greater Bhandara.

On the open field in front of the camp thousands of Sadhus were served with food many a time and afterwards the poor were fed. On enquiry it was learnt that about 10 thousand Pattals [plates of leaves] were used up; and this excludes the number of those poor men who took food in their palm. From these Bhandaras it is concluded that Udasi Sadhus are really very liberal in feeding others.

A very big and magnificient Reading

Room is being run at Bhimgoda at the expenses and management of the Udasin Updeshak Sabha.

Arjun 30-3-1938

(*english translation.*)

Hardwar, March 27.

Today I visited this Reading Room and saw its arrangements. This is an attractive scene amidst all the things of the Kumbh, where newspaper dailies, weeklies from differents parts and of different languages come in, and daily seven thousand readers are benifited. Truly speaking this is a suitable place for mutual gathering, where one can know daily all about the world and see one's friends and acquaintances in time. 300 papers come hereinto. Besides this, kathas is recited here daily and lectures delivered. It is well equipped with telephone, loud speakers and electric light. With the permission of Shri Mahant Purandas ji one can use telephone

Shree 108 Shree Baba Dharam Das Ji
Maharaj Secretary, Udasin
Panchayati Bara Akhara, Keetganj,
Allahabad.

श्री १०८ श्रीबाबा धर्मदास जी महाराज
सैक्रेटरी उदासीन पंचायती बड़ा अखाड़ा
कीटगंज इलाहाबाद ।

for wherever it is connected. The work is conducted under the patronage of His Holiness Mahant Lakshman Das ji of Dehra Dun; and His Holiness Mahant Purandas ji of Hyderabad [Deccan] ably supervises every function. The pilgrims of the Kumbh are requested to visit this Reading Room. In this the Police will hold its Dangal on 5, 6, 7 April and from 7 to 12 April the Vaidya Sammelan will also take place.

Nardev Shastri
VEDE-TIRTH.

Vir Bharat [*Urdu*] 30-3-193

(*english translation.*)

Shri Baba Purandas ji Udasin Manager of Free Reading Room and Sceretary of the Udasin Maha Mandal performed the flag hoisting ceremony and praising the services rendered by the volunteers of the Mahavirdal prayed for their success.

National Call Delhi, 31-3-1938

Reading Room in Hardwar

To the Editor National Call.

Sir,

Different eyes will see different things at Hardwar these days. Many Sabhas and Societies have tried to serve the Kumbh piligrim in their noble way, but one thing which is a source of attraction to every keen observer is a telephone fitted Reading Room near Bhimgoda. The Reading Room is situated in a specially decorated Pandal with seating arrangement for 105 gentlemen and ladies [for ladies special arrangement has been made in a side Pandal]. News papers, Dailies, weeklies from all parts of India & 13 papers from abroad the sea are every morning found on the tables.

One speciality of all this is that the whole expenses are incurred by the Udasin Sadhus, who do not accept even a thousand from any other donor. In this age Sadhus helping and serving the public is a unique thing and

through your columns with your permission. I thank H. H. Mahant Poorandas [Hyderabad Deccan] the Secretary and Organisor of this Sabha.

Your sincerely
DR. BRAHMDATT SHARMA
B. SC.
Jullundar Cantt.

Tej Delhi [*Urdu*] 31-3-1938

(*english translation*)

Of the thousands of things worth seeing on the occasion of the Kumbh at Hardwar the Free Reading Room established by the Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha is a speciality. Therein, besides telephone connection, arrangements for the seating of 1000 persons have been made and special arrangement is there for ladies. In addition to all the Indian news papers, the papers from the countries abroad adds to the grandeour of the Reading Room. At night the Pandal got profusely illumined by electric light like "Diwali'. For all this the

credit goes to Shri Mahant Purandas ji, who is always devoted to public service.

Pratap Lahore (*Urdu*) 31-3-1938
(*english translation.*)

An exquisetaly grand Reading Room has been built in the camp of Shri Guru Shrichandra Udasins, wherein above 300 readers can comfortably sit and read at a time. almost all the papers of India are provided for.

Leader Allahabad 31-3-1938

Hardwar March 26.

The first meeting was held at Shrichandra Free Reading Room under the presidentship of Mahant Agya Ram Udasi at which 4000 were present to mourn the loss of their beloved Maharaja who had been a pillar of strength of Sanatan Dhram moving the resolution Baba Purandas said that the

Vedant Kesri Shree Swami Darshna Nand Ji
Manager Shree Chand Vidyalaya Benares.

वेदान्त केसरी श्री स्वामी दर्शनानन्द जी
संचालक श्रीचन्द्र विद्यालय, बनारस।

Maharaja of Patiala has rendered a great services to the cause of Sanatan Dharm and the followers of this ancient religion of all over India.

Hindustan 17-4-1938

(english transation.)

Most beautiful and attractive was the Shri Guru Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha Reading Room of Shri Mahant Poorandas ji of Hyderabad [Deccan], which contained news papers not only in all languages of India, but also foreign papers in different foreign languages. It had a collection of 300 news papers. Two to three hundred men could sit and read papers at a time. About a dozen copies of each of the Hindustan, Vir Arjun, Hindi Milap, and others which were more popular could be available. Reports and rules of distant institutions were also in store. The entire project was marvelous. No reading room like this is to be found even in big cities. There

was an uptodate arrangement for telephones, Loudspeakers, Radio,electricity etc. Attached to it was a spacious Pandal where, besides Katha and Updesh, other Societies and Sabhas could hold their meetings. Remark books were kept here and there in which readers could put down their opinions and express their difficulties. Mahant Purandas ji personally looked after every affair. In Prayag too he had arranged for a similar Reading Room at the time of Kumbh. This nice example of growing wakefulness, revolution and change among Sadhus will long hover before our eyes. Everywhere in the Mela this Reading Room was talked about and praised. Whosoever happened to see it was overpowered by its charm.

Daily Milap Lahore (*Urdu*) 13-1-1938

(*english translation.*)

But I was surprised at seeing the management of the Sadhus of Udasin Mandal. In

the garden of Muzaffarnagarwalas in front of Bhimgoda is a very large Pandal; where Kathas are recited; and Vaid conference was held. I was made President of the 7th April meeting. It therefore necessitated my going there. Adjoined to it is a very big thatched hall, where daily dozens of Hindi, English and Urdu papers are sent for and hundreds of people read them comfortably. There is a separate arrangement for women. Telephone is also fitted. Not a single pie is begged from any body; rather certain generous people offered heavy sums, which were refused. Udasin have a big Akhara. Sadhubela Sukkar and His Holiness Mahant. Lakshmandas Sahib of Dehra Dun contributed to this work. Swami Purandas ji is working this with full enthusiasm.

Sant Updesh 9-4-1938

(*english translation.*)

Police thanks to Shri Guru Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha, dated 5-4-1938.

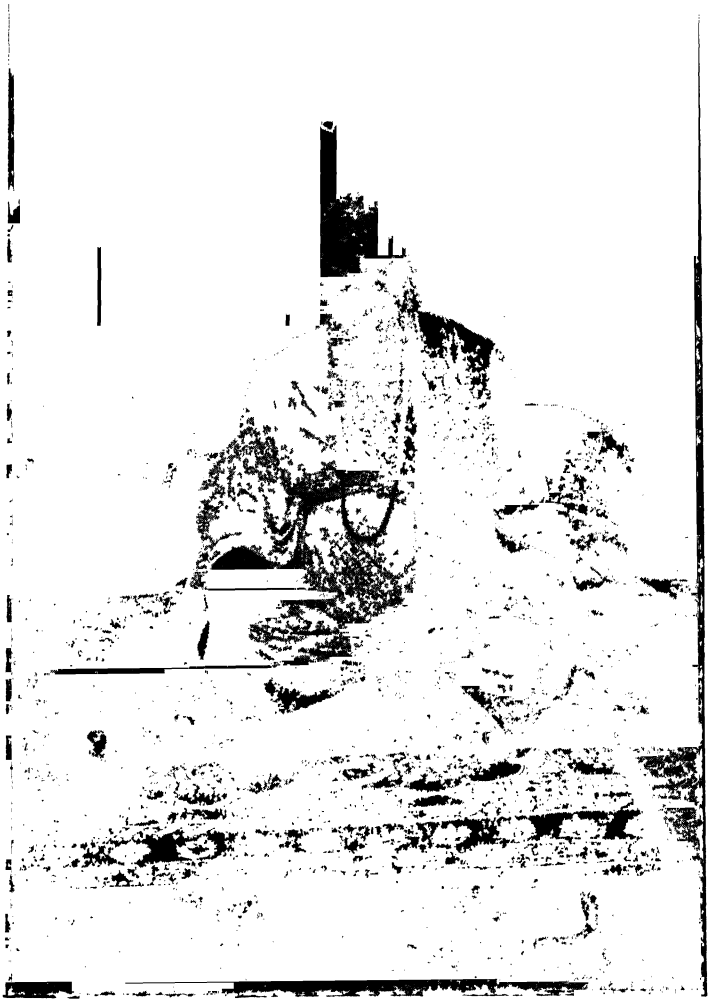
From Deputy Supdt. Police in charge Police Dangal Hardwar Kumbh.

We are very grateful to the Udasin Sampradaya, which gladly lent us the use of its stately Pandal free of charge for holding Police Dangal. We have hearty regards for this kindness and wish the Sabha to be ever devoted to such benevolent works. The income derived from this Dangal will be distributed among orphans and widows. The Udasi Mahatmas have considerably obliged us by lending us their Pandal for this charitable function.

Khetari Hitaishi April 1938

[*english translation.*]

It is indeed very delightful that His Holiness Mahant Shri Lakshmandas Sahib Sajjade Gaddi Nashin of Guru Ram Rai Sahib Dehra Dun has realised his responsibility towards the public. He is the Vice President of the Shri Guru Shrichandra

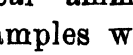


Shree 108 Shreeman Mahant Sant Ram Ji Akhara Sangalwala, Amritsar

श्री १०८ श्रीमान् महन्त सन्तरामजी अखाड़ा संगलवाला अमृतसर।

Udasin Updeshak Sabha. Shri 108 Harinam Das ji of Sadhu Bela Tirth Sukkhar is its President and Shri 108 Mahant Purandas ji Secretary. These holy personages wish to unite and run all the Akharas if the Udasin Sampraday by means of a trust and they have of course acheived their aim to some extent. With their personal efforts there exists a universal public library at Sukkhar (Sind). At Hardwar for the occasion of Kumbh they have founded an all time Free Reading Room in a beautiful place near Bhimgoda. The Pandal is fitted suitably with telephone etc., for the convenience of the public.

If Sadhus of other sects of the country too likewise strive for the spiritual, economical and political ammelioration of the nation and set examples with their actions and advices, the condition of the country can be changed for better. We congratulate the Udasi Sampraday for this.



Shraddhanand Dehli 6-4--1938

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Tej Urdu Delhi 3-4-1938

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Vir Bharat Lahore. 1-4-38

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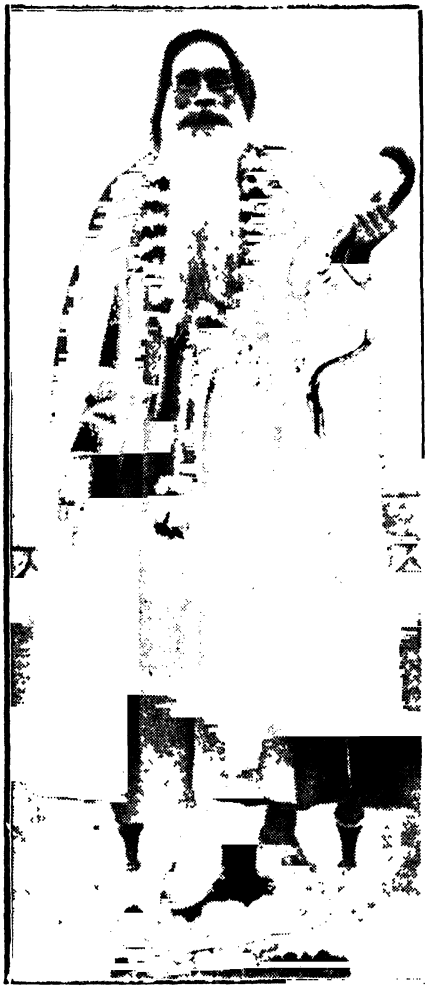
of the country have highly spoken of this Reading Room. On this place a meeting of the Sadhu conference was held under the presidentship of His Holines Mahant Shri Lakshaman Das Sahib of Dehra Dun and the following resolution was passed— "the meeting of the Managing Committee of the U. P. Udasin Sect Trust resolves that the Hindu Dharmadaya Bill, which is in the U. P. Assembly be condemned and the bill which has been prepared by the Trust be supported."



Shreeman Baba Sanmukh Das Ji Faridkot

श्रीमान् बाबा सन्मुखदास जी फ़रीदकोट

A FEW IMPORTANT OPINIONS

ON

"Free Reading Room"

AT

Hardwar Kumbh Mela

I relish the idea of serving the general public in such a healthy clean manner as this.

Sd/- NANDLAL SHARMA M. B-B. S.
ex. M. O.H. Nankana Sahib
15-3-1938.

I am very much pleased for the arrangement made by Mahatma ji. I thank him heartly.

Sd/- RAI BAHADUR BANARSI DAS
Kasur, Distt. Lahore.

Food satisfies for a day only; but education for all life to come. Reading Room being one of the best means of Education. I hope the management has opened a new avenue to the public lasting for a long time I never came across such a grand exhibition of news papers and magazines uptonow. Can't express my thanks nay gratitude for the efficient grand work done this way.

Sd/- S. DEHPANDE B. A.

Poona 31-3-1938.

I visited this Free Reading Room and found it to my entire satisfaction. Really it is a great work of the members of the Reading Room. I am thankful to them and congratulate them for this good work.

Sd/- DR. INDRALAL BHATIA

C. H. Medical College

12-4-1938 Hospital, Calcutta.

I have paid several visits to this Free Reading Room, which provides large numbers of news papers and magazines from all over India. I am sure that it would prove to be of great service to the general public. The management is highly commendable

Sd/- S. L. SAHNI, CAPTAIN
of Campbellpore.

I am astonished and delighted at finding such a fine Free Reading Room. It all shows that we are now living in new India. The attendant has been very kind to me and has shown me the whole place.

Sd/- BENSON BAKER
15-3-1938 M. E. Mission, Roorkee.

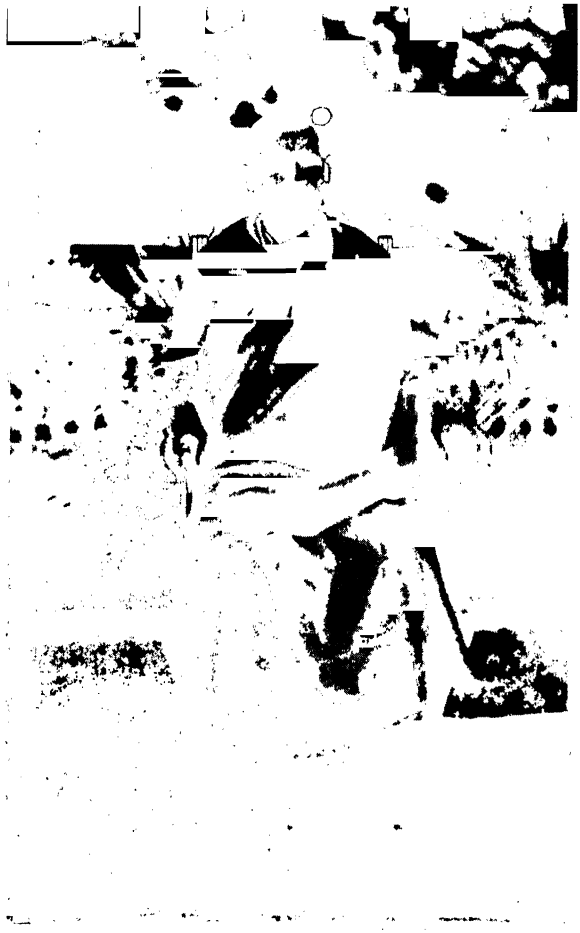
I highly appreciate this generous and philanthropic work of Swami ji Maharaj, who is kind enough to keep the public in touch with the latest news of their mother

land as well as foreign countries at the auspicious fair of Hardwar Kumbh 1938.

Sd/- ILLEGIBLE
H. P. U. & P. A. Librarian
14-4-1938 B. P. Library, Ferozpur.

I and other friends have been pleased to see the biggest reading room in Hardwar, which I never expected in such Kumbh Melas. The accomodation was nearly for 500, separate arrangement for ladies was also there. We all highly appreciate this generous and philanthropic work of Udasin Sabha and I wish that the public in general should always try to get advantage from this appreciable service.

Sd/- RADHA KRISHNA SETH
Municipal Commissioner
14-4-38. Amritsar.



Shree 1008 Sarva Tuntra Swatuntra Veddarshnachary a
Mandleshwar Shree Pandit Gangeshwara Nand ji
Maharaj.

श्री १०८ सर्वतन्त्र स्वतन्त्र वेददर्शनाचार्य्य मण्डलेश्वर
श्री पण्डित गङ्गेश्वरानन्द जी महाराज

I have great pleasure today to go round and to see the Free Reading Room and its office established by Sir Guru Shrichandra Udaṣin Updeshak Sabha and opened recently at Bhimgoda on the occasion of great Kumbh (1938). This Reading Room is situated on palacial grounds along the bank of the sacred Ganges. It is one of the very rare reading rooms in India which commands an open atmosphere and sacred surroundings. It contains news papers and books in most of the popular languages of India i. e. Hindi, Gurmukhi, Urdu and English. In addition to this there is a large Shamiana erected along the bank of the Ganges, where sermons and lectures are delivered for the benifit of the public. The Reading Room and its premises are kept very neat. Great credit is due to Baba Purandas ji Udasin, who is in charge of this and who takes keen interest in the upkeep of this useful Reading Room. I congratulate Shri Mahant Lakshmandas ji of Dehra Dun and Swami Harinamdas ji of Sind for establishing such a grand and useful free Reading Room and a commodious place under

Shamiana for delivering sermons for the benifit of the public. I wish them great success in future also.

I. C. Mittal, I. R.S. E.
(B.Sc. Glass.) M.R. Sant, A.M.I.W.E. (London)
A. M. I. E. (Ind.)
6-3-1938. Railway Engineer N. W. R.

I have visited the Free Reading Room this morning. I was delighted to find so many people taking advantage of it It is the best way of keeping the public and educating them. I sincerely wish it all success.

Sd/- Dr M. J. Appaswami J. P.
250 Kortebram Street
10-3-1938 Colombo (Ceylon).

I was happy to find this well organised Reading Room established here by the Udasin Sadhus. This is a sign of the great awakening among our orthodox saints, who are coming

abreast of the times. Mahant Purandas ji deserves congratulations on his unique idea of this Reading Room and I am sorry I have to go back soon and will not be able to avail myself of this great organisation. I wish the workers success in their effort, which is sure to prove extremely beneficial to piligrims.

Sd/- R. Dwivedi
Ex-Principal Maharaja's
15-3-1938 College, Dhar.

I was most interested in the reading room with all of the interesting magazines and daily papers in so many languages. This is a place of great value and help.

Sd/- Rev. J. C. Pace
Principal, Ingraham Institnte
Ghaziabad U. P.

It is very gratifying to find such a large shamiana and free reading shed on

palacial scale in such a holy place as Hardwar. The management is to be highly congratulated and every success is wished.

Sd/- Ramchandra Das Agarwal,
16-3-38 B. A., LL. B., Lucknow.

I had been to Jainendra Gurukul Panch koola (Ambala) and thence I specially came to see the renowned reading room at Hardwar. I was so pleased to see the arrangements of that Reading Room which was worth seeing. Arrangements made by Baba Purandas ji Udasin is admirable. I heartly congratulate once more Baba Purandas ji for this good work done.

Sd/- Rai Sahib Jamnalal Ramlal,
17-3-38 Kemtee of Hyderabad, Deccan.

I paid a visit to this Free Reading Room at Bhimgoda. This institution is a unique one and is a great attraction in the Kumbh.

Shree 108 Shreeman Mahant
Auchal Prashad ji, Nagar Thutta.

श्री १०८ श्रीमान् महन्त अचलप्रसाद जी
नगर ठट्टा

The organisor deserves the heartiest congratulations of the public.

Sd/- Mathuradas M. L. C.

21-3-1938 Roorkee.

The only feature of the Kumbh that struck me most is the giant free Reading Room organised through the herculean efforts of Swami Purandas ji. Deeds and not words is the key note of it. The great educational value of it can be realised by paying a visit to the place one loves it all the most when one is told that the money spent on it is not from the ordinary populace, but from the Sadhu class alone. The uptodate arrangement and the catholu spirit exhibited by the news papers is unique and leaves nothing to be desired.

Sd/- S. D. Pant, M.A.,LL.B.,Ph.D.

27-3-1938. Dehra Dun.

It gave me great pleasure to visit the Reading Room of the Udasin Updeshek Sabha on two occasions. On the second visit I was graciously received by Baba Purandas ji who is an ideal gentleman for such an important position. I was impressed with the giant and intelligent use made of the facilities offered. This centre is as a torch dispelling the darkness of ignorance. It is also a heaven where travellers from a far country may read their own language, breathe again their own atmosphers and feel once more that they are at home. I wish every success to the Reading Room.

Carl O. Richards, Major

4-4-1938. The Salvation Army, Lahore.

The Udasin Updeshak Sabha Reading Room at Hardwar here during the Kumbh Fair is the centre of all cultured and educated piligrims coming on this sacred occasion. Paper in all Vernaculars of India is a very attractive feature of the Reading Room,

besides which english papers of India and England are veritably an ornament for it I think the mandal has thought out a real genuine, and a practical programme of rendering social service over here. These arrangements and decorations are superfine and Swami Purandas ji is an ideal gentleman possessing charming courteseas, and the Reading Room appears to be a happy reflection of his fine manners. I wish that the Mandal may be able to inculcate this spirit of social service in other Sadhus and all important fairs all over the country.

Sd/- Hiralal M. A.
4-4-1938 Professor S.D. College, Lahore

Free Reading Room Bhimgoda.

But I wonder how this was possible when I found Indian and foreign papers just in front of my medical camp at Bhimgoda where I had a sogoum from Calcutta for the last one month. This was only possible by the efforts of Shri Guru Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha, where Mahant Purandas ji Maharaj

was a figure prominent for his charming and amiable behaviour.

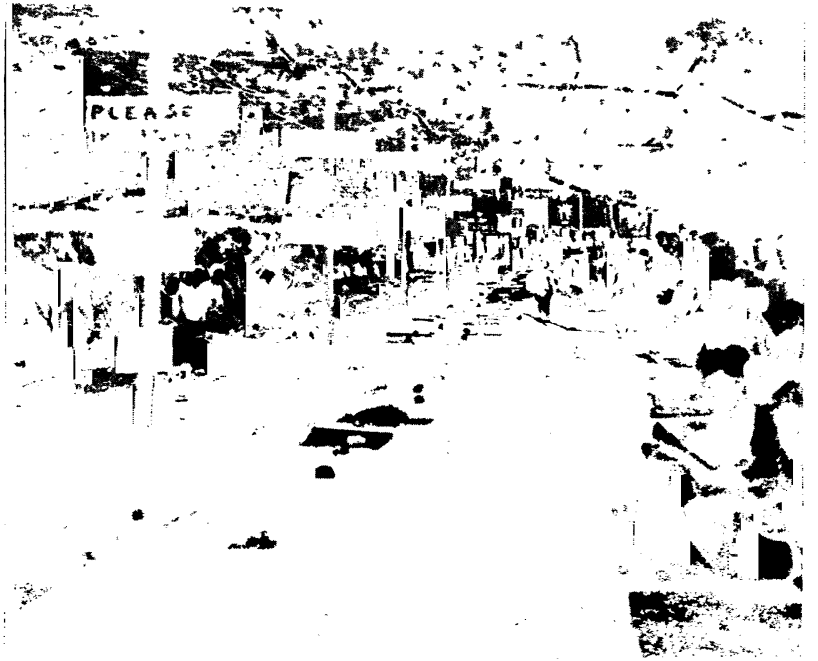
Sd/- Dr L.K. Halder B.Sc. M.M.F.
4/1 Thakuria Bagan Lane
9-4-1938. Calcutta.

It was a pleasure to visit Mahant Baba Purandas ji Free Reading Room at camp Bhimgoda. It is indeed very good of the Sadhus to serve the public with intellectual food. It is a modern edition of the old ideal of service and I am happy to find that our Sadhu Samaj is getting alive to its responsibilities.

Sd/- P. Pant, Rai Bahadur,
M. B. E.
9-4-1938. Civil Surgeon U. P.

I endorse the above remarks.

Sd/- C. D. Pande, Rai Sahib,
Retd. Assistant Director General
Posts and Telegraphs.



Free Reading Room (Nishulk Bachnalya) Bhimgoda , Hardwar)

It was very kind of Shriman Mahant Purandas ji I/c Udasin Updeshak Sabha free Reading Room, who showed me all the daily weekly papers and journals. It is the best centre of all the well cultured and civilized gentry which visited the Kumbh. The Pandal on account of its well establishment on modern style is the place for holding all Indian associations. The best I found which appealed me is the Free Reading Room.

Sd/- Amar Singh Khalsa
Municipal Commissioner and
Organisor Sikh Mission
10-4-38 (S.G.P.C.) Dehra Dun.

I had the pleasure of visiting the public Free Reading Room opened by the Udasin Updeshak Sabha in the Kumbh Mela at Hardwar. The daily papers number about 250 and there are papers from foreign countries. The institution has been carrying on its useful and beneficient services for the last 16 years. I have seen hundreds of piligrims taking advantage of the Free Reading

Room. The arrangement was splendid and the Managing Mahant was seen particularly attentive to the readers and visitors. The piligrims owe a great debt of gratitude to the Sabha for the facilities it has given them. I am thankful to Baba Purandas ji Udasin for showing me the library and giving me the necessary information.

Sd/- Mr. Aney, Advocate, M.L.A.
(Yeotmal)
10-4-1938 C. P. & Berar

The arrangement at the Library is simply splendid and I was delighted with what I saw.

Sd/- Harbans Das
M. A. B. T. M. R. S. T. (London)
Gujranwala, Punjab.

I was very pleased to visit the Free Reading Room provided by the Udasin Sabha

at the Kumbh Mela Hardwar 1938 during my stay at Bhimgoda. The treatment and facilities afforded to the public by Mahant Purandas ji Sahib Incharge of the Library is admirable and I wish him success in this noble mission and other Sadhus who loitor on the roads should likewise do.

Dewan Ganesh Das
Registrar
N.W.F. Province, P.W.D. Secretariate
12-4-1938 Peshawar.

I have been coming here every day to see the news papers and I have found that the arrangement for men and women is very good. This library is free for every one and the Sabha do not get any kind of chandas. If every Sadhu does like this then it will be better,

Mrs. Saigal.

The Free Reading Room started by the Udasin Sabha is a great work I have seen for the first time. Baba Purandas ji was found always busy in the management.

G.K. Tayal, M. B.
Hapur.

It is with great pleasure I have to note that Jagat Guru Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha Free Reading Room rendered great service to the general public visiting this place from all quarters of India on the occasion of Purna Kumbh, as news paper and magazines of all descriptions in all the current languages of India were always kept ready on the table for their recreation. The idea of such a Reading Room is unique and is the outcome of the futile labour of the incharge of the Sabha "Baba Purandas ji".

Dy. Post Master Lucknow
Now Post Master Hardwar
22-4-38 (Duty Kumbh Mela).

Shreema Mahant Yamuna Das ji (Bengiri)
Majri State Dehra Dun.

श्रीमान् महन्त यमुनादास जी (बेनज़ीर)
माजरी स्टेट देहरादून

I have had several occasions to visit Shri Guru Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha Free Reading Room Hardwar during the Kumbh fair and have much pleasure to say that it is doing wonderful work in providing for the public hundreds of Indian and foreign news papers and periodicals. The success of this mission is entirely due to the untiring efforts and lovable personality of Mahant Baba Purandas ji. Shri 108 Sajjade Nashin Mahant Lakshmandas ji of Dehra Dun is the soul of this Sabha which derives immense help from his generous donations.

B. S. Rathke Aggarwal
M. B. B. S.
Surgeon Specialist in Eyes
14-4-38. Mussoorie.

I on behalf of the Indian Homeopathic Medical Mission express my deeper gratitude to Shri Mahant Purandas ji incharge of the Udasin Updeshak Sabha Free Library, who had very kindly helped our mission's aim for

which the mission sent doctors to serve the pilgrims and visitors to this great fair Kumbh Mela.

Dr. M. C. Davar
General Secretary Indian
Homeopathic Medical Mission
14-4-38. 30 Mall Road Simla.

It is very great pleasure to make a few observations of the management of Shri Guru Shrichandra Udasin Sabha Free Reading Room at Bhimgoda Mahant Purandas ji incharge of the Reading Room is an embodiment of courtesey sweetness and kindness.

R. D. Varma & Co.,
35 Chamberlain Road,
Lahore.

I paid several visits to the Jagat Guru Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha Free Reading Room at Bhimgoda organised by

Baba Purandas ji. The Reading Room was the lest of its kind specially as it was free. The news papers from all over India and also from abroad were available to the public. The management and control was ideal. The Pandal was charming specially at night with electric light. The public spirit of the Udasin Sabha is highly commendable. Never before in the history of Hardwar such a reading room was provided in Hardwar. It was highly appreciated by the public. Baba Purandas ji deserves the highest praise and credit for the above.

Manoharlal Bhargava
Rai Sahib,
Executive Officer
24-4-38. Municipal Board Hardwar.

In spite of having little or no leisure during the Kumbh Mela, I was able to pay a short visit to the Jagat Guru Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha Free Reading Room I must say I was distinctly surprised at the

quality of the literature found in it. It also needs no great observation to see that the library was a very great asset and was invariably filled with persons desiring to improve their knowledge of every day affairs.

I am sure that Baba Purandas ji deserves very great credit for the way he ran this institution and I wish him every success in similar ventures.

Sd/- Hunt.

Supdt. Police I/c Kumbh Mela

22-4-38. Police Hardwar.

I am glad to be able to express my appreciation of the Reading Room opened and managed by Mahant Purandas ji at Bhimgoda, Hardwar, during the Kumbh Mela 1938. He erected a large Pandal, which was well lighted and kept a large stock of news papers and magazines. Whenever I passed by that way I always saw the Reading Room full of visitors

Shree 108 Shree Swami Vidya Nand ji
Mandaleshwar.

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and it was evidently much appreciated by the public I wish him success in the future.

Sd/- K. N. Malcolm I. C. S.
Mela Officer.

The Free Reading Room organised by Swami Purandas ji was one of the most efficiently managed orgánisation in the Kumbh here Swamiji was always personally attentive to every thing, and paid special attention to cleanliness which is the most important thing in such a big Mela. I wish all success to Swami ji The management was excellent and it provided the greatest need of the public.

Janardan Swarup
Member U. P. Legislative Council
16-4-38. Muzzaffarnagar.

I am very glad to see this Reading Room

NAWAB ALAR JUNG BAHADUR

and Library. May God bless the founder.

Hans Raj Gupta
Rais & Banker Hissar.

The Reading Room has been started by the Udasin Sadhus under the charge of Mahant Purandas ji. This has been of immense use to the public. The best thing about it is that it is not run on public charity but from the funds collected from Udasi Sadhus. I heartly commend their services.

Illegible M. L. A.
Chairman District Board
Saharanpur.

It has given me great pleasure to see the Free Reading Room started by the Udasin Updeshak Sabha at Hardwar on Kumbh festial. The Reading Room meets the needs of

a very large number of piligrims and is really a useful institution.

Bhagat Ram Segan
Retd. Dy. Astt. Controller of Military
15-3-38. Pensions Rawalpindi

Very pleased to see this Library. It is the most useful work in the whole of Hardwar for the public benifit.

Moti Ram Mehra
6-4-38. of Amritsar.

The arrangement of the Reading Room is quite nice and praise worthy for which the organisors certainly deserve congratulations and thanks.

Jagannath Larar
Pleader Hon. Editor Rishi
9-4-38. Bijnore.

This is a novel scheme of serving people and I thank the organisor for his efforts and sacrefice.

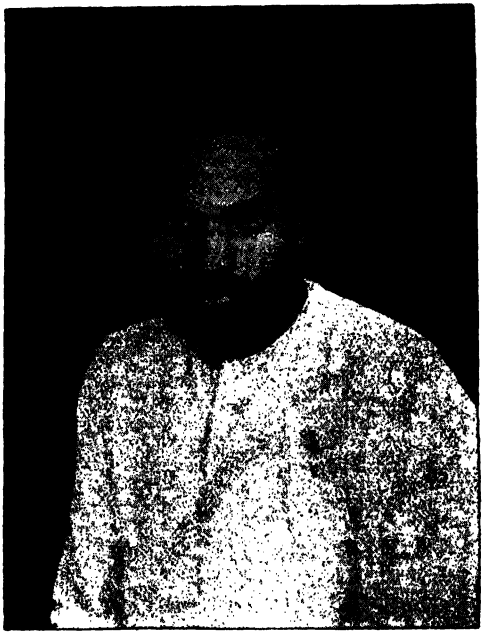
Madanmohan Marithil
B. A.

I hereby heartly congratulate the Mahant Baba Pnuradas ji for starting a very useful educational library in Hardwar free of charge, which is unique in the whole of India. I wish it all success for it imparts knowledge of the whole world

Ramkrishn Chopra
Rais & Landlord
8-4-38. Lahore.

Management most efficient and managers and officials most conrteous. This is most worthy of an institution started by saintly people.

Dr H. K Agarwal B. A. M. D.
Roorkee.



Shreeman Sant Jagat Ram ji
Manager, Sant Updesh, Amritsar.

श्रीमान् सन्त जगतूराम जी
प्रबन्धक सन्त उपदेश अमृतसर

I am too much pleased to see this dignified Reading Room. I propose my hearty thanks to the founders of the unique system at the occasion of Kumbh Mela. This is the most benificial service to humanity. May God give them His tenderest blessings who have served the humanity by this wonderful thing.

Kshetrapal
Gurukul Kangari.

I daily used to come in the Reading Room in the morning and also in the night time. I am much pleased to see the good arrangement of the Reading Room. The papers are well arranged. I hope that people will take great advantage and lessons from this. I heartly pray to God to give success.

Ishwar Saran Mathur,
Hardwar.

14-4-38.

I visited the Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha Free Reading Room and was much delighted to find the managements excellent under Baba Purandas ji Maharaja. All this was worthy of the name of the Udasin Sampraday. Among so many papers of different parts I was amazed to find news papers of the Southern India too. It contained sufficient matter for the urdu reading public also.

Sd/- Jaikirorimal Punamchandra
Bankers
Hyderabad (Deccan).

From Hardwar Kumbh Commercial Guide.

Bhimgoda—

Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha,
Free Reading Room.

On the Bhimgoda, one witnesses the beautiful Library, with a Free Reading Room on a large scale. Near this Reading Room

a huge Pandal has been put for lectures by learned sanskrit scholars as well as spiritual monks. The whole expenditure is being met with by the Sadhus and Mahants. Under the same management three free dispensaries are also being maintained. The President of the Free Reading Room Swami Harnamdas Maharaj of Sadhu Bela Tirth, and the Vice-President is His Holiness Mahant Lakshmandas Shajjade Nashin of Dehra Dun. Baba Purandas ji of Hyderabad is camp in charge.

(*English translation.*)

Namaskar,

Oh long haired, black clothed Baba! you have certainly realised the mysterious way of reaching God. On this occasion when at Hardwar it is very hard for a pilgrim to have a little space to stand on even for a minute, and when accommodation is so scarce and dear, you have, having spent so much money for the service of mankind, provided

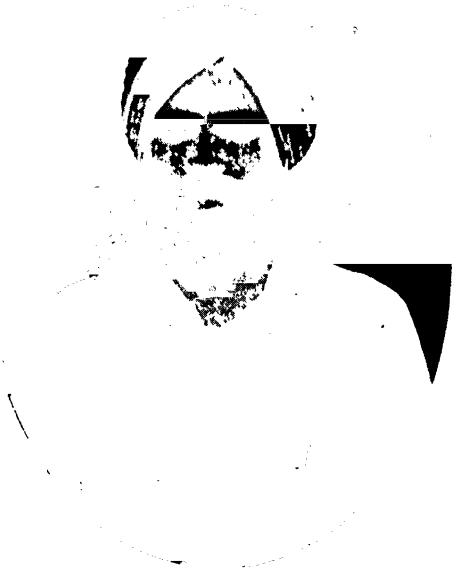
for a Free Reading Room with Library, at the sight of which one gets thunderstruck. Any one can thoroughly imagine the sense of gratitude of all those who for hours comfortably take shelter at midday under this grand pavilion. With this and this disinterested service alone one can realise his Heavenly father. It seems you have full faith in and acted up to this teaching of Gita. I woald congratulate you for all this achievement and being a Nirmala cannot but offer you my affectionate Namaskar.

Yours

Shivacharan Das Akhtar
Bhangala District Hoshiarpur.

(*English translation.*)

At the time of Hardwar Kumbh, I have paid several visits to the Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha Free Reading Room. It is a new thing of its kind that I ever saw in my



Shreeman Swami Hari Das ji Vaida,
Manager. Sant Updesh, Amritsar.

श्रीमान् स्वामी हरिदास जी वैद्य,
प्रबन्धक सन्तउपदेश अमृतसर

life. About 200 news papers in different languages i.e. English, Hindi, Urdu, Gujarati, Marathi, Bengali, Telegu, etc are daily available here on tables, where no stale or previous day's papers are kept. Ladies have separate block to sit and read in. Matchless is a Pandal attached to it fitted with telephone. There are also 5 dispensaries to distribute medicines free. This Sabha never accepts any donation from any body. All this is run solely at the expense of the Udasin Sampradaya I offer my best thanks to Mahant Purandas ji and Swami Santoshanand ji incharge of the management.

Dr. Brijlal Bhandari
President Sanatan Dharm
Yuvak Sabha, Dehra Dun.

Accompanied by a number of Bmahmcharis of Jwalapur Mahavidyalaya I visited this Reading Room today. I was much delighted to find the management far better than what

I had heard in praise of it. Every thing was admirable, and news papers of all sorts were available. Visitors were very cordially received and treated. I wish full success to this enterprise.

Sd/- Asharam Sharma
Agnihotri Mahavidyalaya
Jwalapur.

A holy place like Hardwar was really lacking in such a Reading Room, which you have fulfilled. I was very glad to see it. It is indeed a best way for the uplift of a country. Thanks to Baba Purandas ji.

Roop Narain

23-3-38. Aligarh.

The Swami ji Maharaj has excellently arranged for this Reading Room. Literature

of every religion and on every subject is available here. It seems Swami ji entertains no prejudice against any religion. I wish long life to Swami ji.

Sd/- Brahmchari Harshchandra Sharma
Pujari Chenyor Jhama.

This magnificient Reading Room is a thing of attraction to every soul.

Sd/- Yagynapati Sharma Updeshak
Sanatan Dharm Sabha
24-3-38. Lahore (Punjab).

The public was much benifited by the news papers that the Mahant ji had supplied. He has of course made the best use of the divine gift. The public was much pleased.

Sd/- Beliram Chhawara
Manager Sanatan Dharm
Kanya Pathshala
12-4-38. Dera-Ismail-Khan.

I am glad to see that you have opened this Reading Room for the use of general public.

Sd/- Gurudatt Sharma Shartri
Sanatan Dharam College
13-4-38. Lahore.

I saw many Libraries, and found this the best of all. Every body feels comfort at having every sort of news paper and books of every writer at this place. In addition to other arrangements, arrangement for sprinkling water every now and then kept the place cool and refreshing. I offer my thanks to the Sabha submissively.

P. R. Kapur
Lahore.

It is a thing of much pleasure that India has yet philanthrophists like Swami ji, and she should be proud of this. The Indians

Shreeman Sukh Deb Muni Ji Udasin Tapasuyi Ji Maharaj.

श्रीमान् सुकदेव मुनी उदासीन तपस्वी जी महाराज।

must pray for the long life of the Swami ji, so that India may reach the summit of uplift.

Sd/- Tirthram Kheti
Phagawara, Kapurthala State
Punjab.

I have been regularly visiting this library every day ever since my stay at Hardwar. Almost all news papers can be had here with nice arrangement for sitting. I was much pleased to see this. There is separate arrangement for ladies. The public has special interest in this library, on account of which hundreds nay thousands of people pass their time pleasantly.

Nandlal Atash
Manager Akhbar Farishta
Bhoga, Punjab.

I paid a visit on 26-3-1938 at 4 this after noon to the Udasin Sabha Free Reading Room and was much pleased to see the management I also saw Swami Purandas ji, the Secretary of the Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha. He is a nice gentleman and behaves every body very amiably. He acquainted me all about this Sabha. I thank him for all this.

Sd/- Pyarelal Bares
26-3-38. Press Representative Akbar Tej.

I today saw this Reading Room. I was glad that all sorts of news papers and magazines were available here for the intellectual service of the public. May god grant eternal bliss and His devotion to those high souls who started this work.

Sd/- Sewak Ramlal Manicha Baklas
Sewak Mahavirdal Punjab
Faruka District Shahpur.

This morning when I had entered the Akhara of Shrichandra Udasin I saw that news papers of all kinds could be had here and about 150 men daily read them comfortably. Servants always were found attending every visitor with cold water etc. A dispensary distributed medicines free. In the Pandal Pandit Gauri Shankar of Amritsar used to preach Gita teachings from 3 to 4 p. m at every afternoon. I wish success to the organisors of this.

Sd/- Vishndas, General Secretary
Mahavirdal Shankargarh
24-3-38. District Peshawar.

To day on 8/4/38 at noon I read news papers at the library of the Shrichandra Udasin Akhara. By opening this library the Mahant Sahib gave a befitting answer to our objections that they made right use of the public money. They have thus set an example

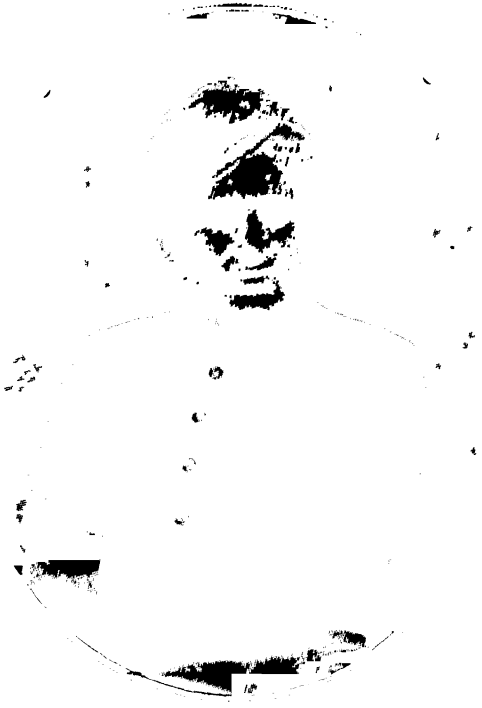
before the Sadhus of other Sampradayas. I wish that all Sampradayas should produce such Sadhus for the service of country and nation.

Sd/- Bakshi Dinanath M. B.
National Punjab
Sagari District Rawalpindi.

In behalf of P. Narayandas Udasin Vyakhyan Bhaskar Upadeshak's mother, a Silver bracelet worth Rs. 2/4 was donated to the Shrichandra Udasin Upadeshak Sabha.

Sd/- Pandit Narayadas Vyakhyan Bhaskar
Gurudwara Kali Kila Gujar Singh
Lahore.

NOTE—3 masha gold was also offered for making a medal. This gold plated silver medal was awarded to the Sabha. It can be used by the man in charge, but will be considered as the property of the Sabha.



Shreeman Swami Chaitan Deo ji Maharaj,
Bhimgoda, Hardwar

श्रीमान् स्वामी चेतनदेव जी महाराज
भीमगोडा हरद्वार

"It is a happy news that with the new enlightement, the education among the Sadhus is also being progressed and Shriman Baba Purandas ji Maharaj is the chief person to take a keen interest in it. I had a chance to visit his Reading Room but I was so much enchanted with the management, that I wanted to spend my most precious time in his Free Reading Room. Seeing the proper management of the Reading Room it could be concluded that there are also gems among the Sadhus. I asked for the list of Free Reading Room. Swami ji gladly handed over the list of the news papers etc to me. I give any cordial thanks to Swami ji and the managers. In this way I concluded that all Udasin Mahants helped it with money I can potently say that it is very difficult to find a peer of Swami Purandas ji who is a pious and holy man."

7-3-38.

I visited the well known writers of the

world the Kumbhas and witnessed many big fairs but the deeds that were rendered by Shrichandra Free Reading Room to the public at the occasion of the Kumbh were never heard of or seen. It is an unique Reading Room in which thousands of tired and weary persons of the Kumbh take rest and hundreds of people gothrough papers and enjoy them. It is beyond my power to thank Baba Purandas ji. He is a pious and a real server or martyr of the country and the community.

5-4-38 Mr. Krishna Amritsar.

One day being perplexed by the heat of of the sun I was passing through Bhimgoda where there was not even a single spot unoccupied where I could rest for a while. In the meantime I heppened to cast my eyes to a big gate on which it was written in block letters Shrichandra Free Reading Room I, atonce, entered the Reading Room and found the management better than that of

the Kumbha at Hardwar and quenched the thirst of my eyes by seeing Swami Purandas ji. His men are also specially praiseworthy. They rendered their services very nicely by providing cold water and comfort to the tired and weary people I give my hearty thanks to Baba Purandas ji for his management and pray to God for the birth of such minded people. If such people were borne there would not be any want of service for the country and the community

Your Servant

5-4-1938. Ishwar Datt Sahgal

NOTE—The gold plated or giulded silver medal was awarded to this association only for this purpose that the incharge of the camp may use it but it is necessary to use it in the meeting only.

SHRICHANDRA UDASIN
Free Reading Room.

Heart leaps up when we see this Reading Room. Not only the Indians take advantage of it but also the foreigners. There are tables arranged and 500 chairs arranged for the people to sit on. During the night there are more than 500 electric lamps, the light of which brightens the whole 'Pandal'. The Reading Room is kept open throughout the day and night. There are attendants to attend the people. These are all outer views of the Reading Room. If you look at the news papers you will not only find the Indian news papers but also the papers of the different countries as America,Europe,Japan and so on For these pepers special arrangement of the air mail is made. It is impossible to ennumerate all the papers here. So we can ennumerate a few as monthly magazines,weekly and

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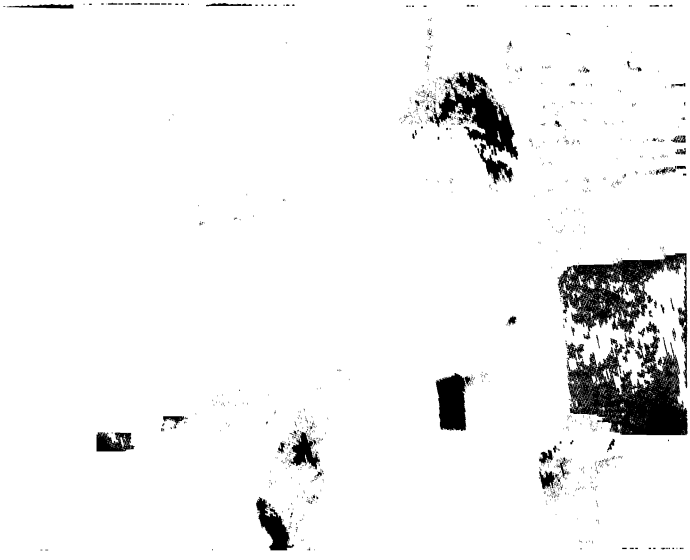

1. Shriman Chaitan Das Ji 2. Shriman Gokul Das Ji
(Udasin Volunteers)

उदासीन स्वयं सेवक बड़ा पंचायती अखाड़ा उदासीन
श्रीमान् चेतनदास जी, श्रीमान् गोकुलदास जी।

daily news papers. In this way the number of the papers is about 350 and foreign news papers is about 30. Now you can imagine how many people are benefited by this Reading Room. One can easily see the news of ones country or province. There is not only the Reading Room for men but also for women and there is the accomodation for at least 50 ladies to sit in. In this way there is equally good arrangement for ladies. On the other side of the Reading Room that has been started since 1st February 1938, a very big 'Pandal' has been constructed that surpasses all 'Pandals' at Hardwar on beauty and accomodation. In the pandal Pt. Gauri Shankar ji Amritsari has been daily performing the Katha after the midday since 4th March 1938. Every Sanatan Dharmi association can get it for its use and take advantage of it. Side by side of the mental nurishment of the people there are three charitable dispensaries for maintaining the health of the people. This is not only sufficient, for the convenience of the people, there are telephone connections from where every body can tele-

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phone without any payment or charge. After knowing it you will naturally be anxious to know on whose behalf all this has been done. You will be surprised to know that the Sadhus for whose uplift people crying loudly, it all has been done on their behalf by Shrichandra Udasin Preaching Association. For this only the assistance of the Udasin Sadhus is sought and of no other body else. The president of this association is Shri Mahant Harnamdas ji. Shri Sadhu Bela Tirth and the Vice President is His Holiness Shri 108 Shri Mahant Lakshman Das ji Sahib Sajjade Nashin, Dehra Dun.

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Shriman Purandas ji Maharaj.

It is true that this Udasin sect has locked the mouth of the dispisers of Sadhus by doing this probono public deeds. But the credit of this work which is being done so,

admirably and successfully goes to Mahatma Purandas ji who is the incharge of this camp. He is very meek humble and benevolent and moreover he is very charming and fasinating in his conversations. He receives every passerby very cordially and gladly. It can be known only by those who had a chance to see him. He has an earnest disire to serve the country and religion and that is why he has been made incharge of the Reading Room on the occasion, of Ardh Kumbhi at Prayag and on the occasion of Kumbh at Hardwar, He is an ideal Mahatma He was born in a high brahmin family. From his infancy he was inclined towards disinterestedness. In his childhood he took 'Mantra' from a Udasin Mahatma and since then he has been giving the religion. He has visited all the Indian tirths several times Now a days he is a Mahant in Hydrabad (Deccan) of a Udasin Ashram. His Highness Maharaja Sir Krishna Prasad ji is one of his favourite devotees. His parents and sect are to be blessed who have given birth to such a Mahatma and the country is also to be blessed

where such a saint lives. It is undisputable to say that India can progress a lot if all the Mahatmas properly discharge their duties.

Shriman Sidh Mast Yogi Raj Nirban Chaitan Das Ji Udasin.

श्रीमान् सिद्ध बाबा मस्त योगिराज निर्वाण चैतन्यदास जी उदासीन।

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Shri 108 Udasinacharya

Shrichandra ji Maharaj

He was born in the house of Nanak Deo ji at Nankana. When he was born he had a ring in his dar and the whole body was covered with ashes. He resembled Shiva. He protected Hinduism throughout his whole life. All sikh gurus honoured and worshipped him. The fourth Guru Ramdas ji honoured him. The fifth Guru Arjun Dev got rid of his disease by his worship. He turned Guru Datta ji the eldest son of Hari Govind ji to an Udasi. Hari Rai was Guru Datta's son. Ram Rai protected Hinduism against Auranzeb by showing 372 miracles.

Shri 1008 Sanatan Dharm Pillar Benevolent His Holiness
Shri Mahant Lakshmandas ji Maharaj
Darbar Guru Ram Rai, Dehra Dun.

He is a remarkable figure. It is very difficult to find his equalmen in the whole of India. His virtues are evident before the people. Every soul praise him for his remarkable virtues. His deep love for education raised many helpless boys to high posts. He has always been helping orphans, children, old and widows. There will hardly be any religious society that has not been helped by him with finance. No body ever goes disappointed from his Darbar. He is the benevolent karma of the northern India and the soul of Sanatan Dharam. Even the most difficult work that he took in his hand always got success in it. He was the first person to fight against the Government for the protection of Sanatan Dharam and he got cancelled the scheme of the 'Band' in the Ganges in 1916. In 1933 it was due to Mahant

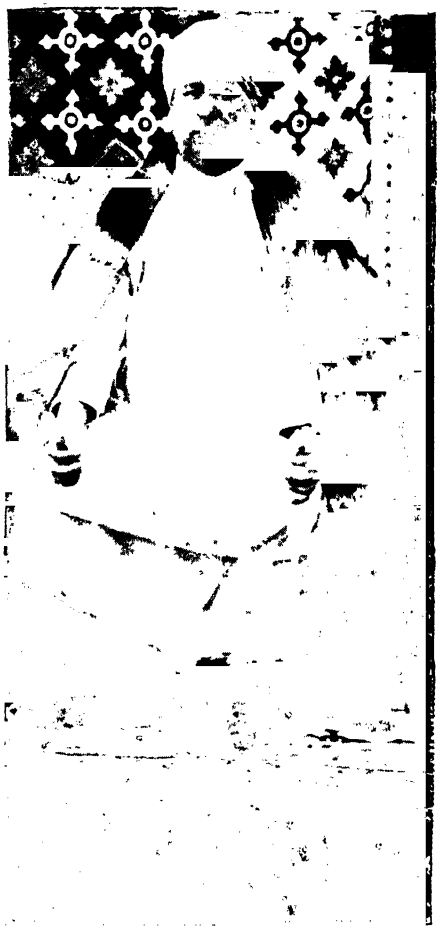
Laxmandas ji that the drainage scheme at Hardwar was successful. He is the living idol of virtues. On the occasion of ARDH KUMBHI Malviji said in his speech that if any one wanted to see the living idol of virtue then it was better for him to see Shri Mahant Laxmandas ji. He is full of virtues. To praise him is just to show a lamp to the sun.

Shri 108 Honourable Mahant

Baba Purandas ji

Udasina Ashram, Hydrabad (Deccan.)

He is the incharge of the Free Reading Room. Several correspondents and writers have written pages after pages in his appriciation (especially the Urdu Paper Anand, Lahore, has writlen a lot in his praise.)



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Shri Chandara Chunar, Kashmir

श्रीमान् महन्त गोविन्ददास जी महाराज
श्रीचन्द्र चुनार काश्मीर।

Shri 108 Baba Shukhramdas ji

Udasinmath Goshala Kalpalli, Bangalore Cantt.

Baba Purandas ji and Baba Sukhram ji are the disciples of the same Guru. He has great love for his country and the Hindu community. He has many good qualities and that is why he is honoured by all well-to-do men and the English officers of Bangalore.

Shri Master Keshev Chandra Udasin

Manager, Shri Darbar Guru Ram Rai Sahib, Dehra Dun.

He is a jewel of the Udasin family. First he acquired the knowledge of english. He is also well versed in Urdu and Hindi languages. For many years he worked as an english teacher in A. P. Mission High School. Now he has been managing the Darbar affairs for three years. Since then the Darbar is progressing admirably. Such progress is also expected from him in future.

Pt. Swami Santoshanand Ji

Proprietor Shri Laxman Ayurvedic Rashayan Shala, Dehra Dun.

He is an earnest religious lover and a worker. He is always busy with religious works. His services that were rendered Udasin sect from 1929 to 1936 are beyond description. After Nankana Kand he travelled several times all over India and several conferences. In this way he gave new life to different sects and organised them. He established Shrichandra Press and through this he published a large number of papers. He aroused all the news paper editors and formed an association and worked for many years in the capacity of the president of this association. The community will remain indebted to him. Now a days he helps in the management of Shri Mahant Laxmandas ji. He also gives medicines to poor free of cost.

Shri 108 Shriman Mahant Bachandas ji

Chaubachha Guru Ram Rai Sahib,
Mugalpura, Lahore.

He is a very calm and good natured mahatma. He entertained the Sadhu and Fakirs very coordially and attends them carefully. Chaubachha is a famous place of Shri Guru Ram Rai. Here Ram Rai Sahib got water from the earth by throwing a spear.

Late Shri 108 Mahant Gokal Das ji

Shri Udasin Panchayati Bara Akhara.

He remained throughout his whole life a bachelor and maintained the position of a Saint. In the end he gave up the Mahanti and praying to God emerged in Him.

Shri 108 Mahant Yamunadas ji Maharaj

Shri Udasin Panchayati Akhara Bara.

He is a perfect saint and famous for self control. He discharged the duties of a

Mahant of Bara Akhara for about 18–20 years very successfully. Now he is very old. Therefore he willingly gave up the Mahante in order to spend his remaining life in the worship of God.

Shri 108 Mahant Adiram ji Maharaj
Shri Udasin Panchayati Bara Akhara.

He is a living idol of sympathy and humbleness. In an early age he has been made a Mahant due to his ability.

Shri 108 Baba Dharamdas ji Maharaj
Secretary Udasin Panchayati Bara Akhara
Keatgunj, Allahabad.

He is very calm and good natured Mahatma. He has given his whole life to Udasin Panchayati Bara Akhara and the services that he rendered to God in the capacity will be eternal in the Udasin history.

Shree 108 Shree Swami Guru Mukh Das ji Maharaj.

श्री १०८ श्री स्वामी गुरु मुखदास जी महाराज।

Vedant Keshri Swami Darshnanand ji

Manager Shrichandra Vidyalaya, Benares

He is carrying on the work of Chandra Vidyalaya established by the Guru Govinda Nand ji very ably and successfully. Many high english officials honour him and his Guru very much and he gets sufficient help from them.

Shri 108 Mahant Sant Ram ji

Akhara Sangalwala, Amritsar

He is one of the richest honoured Mahant of the Punjab. Hundreds of people daily get their food from him. He improved a lot.

Shriman Baba Sammukh Das ji, Faridkot

He is a very good natured and meek saint. He entertains the guests very coordially. He has a great love for his sect.

Shri Pt. Gangeshwaranand ji Maharaj

He is a Mandleshwar of India fame. Hundreds of Sadhus get education from him. His speech has a magic effects over the people and turns their evil ideas at once.

Shri 108 Mahant Achal Prasad ji

Nagar Thatta.

Thatta is a place in the province of Sindh where Shri Guru Chandra penanced for some years. Still Dhuna Sahib is there who is worshipped. The above mentioned person carries on the work in the capacity of a Mahant.

Shri Free Reading Room Bhimgoda, Hardwar.

This is the same Reading Room in praise of which the columns of news papers are full.

Shriman Mahant Yamunadas ji (Benajire)

Majri Estate, Dehra Dun.

He is a promising man At a distance of 4 miles on the Hardwar Road there is Majri. During the few years he has acquired a very good experience. He entertains the Sadhus and the Mahatmas When he became Mahant he set an unique example. Therefore he has been called by the name of (Benajire).

Shri 108 Swami Vidyanand ji

He is well versed in Gita and every where preaches the teachings of Gita. He has no peer in possessing the knowledge of Gita. Therefore he is called by the name of Gita Vias.

Shri Sant Jagat Ram ji

With the help of two other persons he started Santupdesh newspaper. He has a great love for his sect.

Shriman Swami Haridas Ji

Manager Santupdesh, Amritsar.

He has a great love for his sect. He worked on the occasion of Kumbh with great zeal.

Shriman Shukdev Muni

Udasin Tapeshwe ji Maharaj.

He is very calm and good natured mahatma. He has a deep love for his sect. He regards saints and God equally.

Shriman Swami Chetandev ji Maharaj

Bhimgoda, Hardwar.

He has done adequate service to the sampradaya from time to time and is ever ready to work when called for for the cause of sampradaya. He is very expert in popular matters and holds a scheming brain. He is a respectable gentleman of Hardwar.

Shree Swami Budhi Chandra ji Himkar
" Kavi Ratana Kavay Manisi, Sahitya Bhusan. "

श्री स्वामी बुद्धिचन्द्र जी हिमकर
" कविरत्न काव्यमनीषी–साहित्य भूषण "

Shri Chetandas ji & Shri Gokuldas ji

Both these gentlemen rendered a national service for two years at Hardwar.

Shriman Sidh Baba Mast Yogiraj

Nirvan Chaitanyadas ji Udasin.

He is an accomplished saint and has been practising austerity far the last several years. He is more over a Yogabhyasi.

Shriman Mahant Govind Das ji

Shrichandra Chunar, Kashmir.

He is a sincere wellwisher of Sadhus and Sampradaya loving. He belongs to that place in Kashmir where Shri Guru Shrichandra Bhagwan had pitched a piece of burning fire wood from his hearts which instantaniously turned into a green chunar tree which still exists. Here travelling sadhu can comfortably takes rest.

Shri 108 Swami Gurumukhdas ji

Kutia Chetandev ji Kankhal.

He is a liberal minded and social mahatma The institution is flourishing well in his time and is hoped to thrive more in future.

Shri Swami Budhichandra ji

Himkar Kaviratana Kabya Manishi Sahitaya Bhushan.

He is a well educated gentle mahatma and a good worker.